LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 21.—Medical experts were called to-day in investirating the death at the Virginia Mili-tary Institute of Cadet Thurber Sweet of Chicago, alleged victim of hazers Sharp difference of opinion was ex-pressed regarding wounds on Sweet's back, several physicians who treated ilm declaring none cold have caused his demise. Inflammation of the spinal cord was the direct cause of death. V. M. I. and Washington and Lee cadets testified Sweet told them the wounds were caused by bayonets and broomsticks. Other V. M. I. officials said Sweet was not hazed and had fresently tried to leave the institute,



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STUDENT'S DEATH INQUIRY. NEW YORK'S GAS COMPANIES SPECIAL FRANCHISE TAXES

State Tax Board's Tentative Assessment Figures a Jolt to Corporations.

LAWYERS GO TO ALBANY

State's Counsel Ready for Fight in Courts if Companies Go That Far.

Franchise owning corporations of New York City sent their lawyer; to Albany to-day to protest against the ncrease of \$62,000,000 in their special franchise assessments levied by the State Board of Tax Commissioners, as announced exclusively in the Eve-

ning World yesterday. came from the Consolidated Gas Company of New York and the Brooklyn Union Gas Company of Company of New York and the Brooklyn Union Gas Company of Brooklyn, and their subsidiary gas and electric corporations, on whom has been laid the largest part of the increase. The Consolidated was represented by Curtis A. Peters, who until recently was an assistant corporation counsel, hav. In charge this very class of cases on 1 half of the city. Brooklyn Union Gas sent William N. Dykeman, member of the working together to make the William N. Dykeman, member of the recent Constitutional Convention.

These two public service systems Franklin Simon & Co.

> it as a rival.
> Of the individual company franchises Of the individual company franchises in the metropolis the most valuable, according to its tax assessment, is that of the New York Telephone Company, listed at \$53,332,000. Next comes that of the New York Edison Company at \$48,600,000. Third on the roll is the franchise of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn, \$21,925,000. Consolidated Gas franchise in Manhattan is valued at \$21,000,000 and Brooklyn Union Gas franchise at \$20,000,000.
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> A corporation of which most people

constant litigation with the Municipal Government on tax questions, and with their patrons and the Public Service Commission over rates charged for gas and electricity. Cases involving both these questions are now pending before courts and

CONSOLIDATED OBDURATE TO THE LAST.

The Consolidated has opposed the State Tax Commission at every step of its proceedings. While most corporations furnished the information regarding their property required by the State, the Consolidated has not fully compiled in listing its valuations and operations as specified in the official forms.

These two lighting combination have had their special franchise as-sessments for 1916 increased by \$40,-000,000. They threaten to resert to 000,000. They threaten to resort to the courts, as in the past, to defeat the attempt of the State and the city to obtain an adequate tax payment for the use of the streets they enjoy This time, however, both the tax and legal departments of the State and City Governments are ready to meet

the commission will go over its tentative figures, making such changes as the hearings develop, and later on hand down the confirmed figures on

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Special Franchise Assessment Of New York's Gas Companies

Total tentative special franchise assessments of Consolidated Gas Company System \$116,295,000 Total of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company System 46,204,600

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES OF CONSOLIDATED SYSTEM.

Name of Company. 1	916 Assessment.	Increase.
New York Edison Company	. \$48,600,000	\$1,572,000
Consolidated Gas Company	200 2000 2002	8,937,000
Consolidated Tel, and El. Subway Company.	The second second	2,675,600
United Electric Light and Power Company.	10,750,000	3,105,000
Astoria Light and Power Company	2/2/12/2/2/2/	-
Brush Electric Illuminating Company	300,000	_
Central Union Gas Company	Carried Street, Street	1,049,000
New Asterdam Gas Company		2,864,000
New York Mutual Gas Company	2,900,000	1,578,000
Standard Gas Light Company	4,300,000	1,699,000
Westchester Lighting Company	£00,000	10,000
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SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES OF BROOKLYN UNION SYSTEM. 1916 Assessment. Name of Company. Edison Electric Illuminating Company \$21,925,000 Brooklyn Union Gas Company 20,000,000 8,000,000 157,600 Brooklyn Borough Gas Company 1.382,000 Flatbush Gas Company..... 413,000 94,000 Jamaica Gas Light Company..... Newtown Gas Company..... 1,100,000 200,000 Richmond Hill and Queens Gas Company 187,000

OF MISAPPLYING TOWN POOR FUNDS

Justice Tompkins Says Former Rockland "Boss" Did the

Work of Overseer.

Now there is harmony and co-operation between State and city departments working together to make the corporations pay up.

The Evening World yesterday gave the tentative special franchise assessments for the entire Consolidated Gas system as \$116,295,000, and for the Brooklyn Union Gas system as \$46,204,600. To-day there are give the figures for the constituent companies making up each of these systems.

It is an interesting development in lighting business to note that in both Manhattan and Brooklyn the electric franchises have greater value than the old gas franchises. In both cities, however, the electric companies are controlled by the older gas companies, whose managements were shrewd enough years ago to absorb the new lighting business instead of fighting it as a rival.

Of the individual company franchises while the evidence showed Cleary had Special to The Evening World.

while the evidence showed Cleary had the money was not properly used Cleary, as the financial agent of Overseer of the Poor Baisley, the Court said, did more of the work than Baisley himself.

Cleary will be sentenced on the forgery charge Monday. He has been \$20,000,000.

A corporation of which most people never heard, the Consolidated Telegraph and Electrical Subway Company, has a franchise assessed at \$17.-280,000. This company owns the under ground conduits carrying electric wires. It is owned and controlled by the Edison Company.

The State Tax Commission will give several days to hearing protests and receiving such new evidence as the companies may choose to offer. Then the commission will go over its tenta.

the Sullivan law for carrying Cleary's revolver from near the scene of the killing of Newman to a saloon where it was hidden. Justice Tmpkins ord-ered a verdiot of not guilty on the face of the indictment, saying the face of the indictment, saying the Sullivan law was not meant for the punishment of one who carried a gun as an innocent messenger to place it in safe keeping.

Cleary's seven other trials, the trial of Fire Chief Bernard Fox for carrying a revolver and that of Supervisor Josiah Felter went over to the April term of the court

FIND TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

Town Makes Discovery After Mo Pinishes Double Hanging.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 21.—Residents o Eastman, a village near here, awoke to-day to find the bullet-riddled bodies of two negroes, William Stew-art and Samuel Bland, swinging from neoses, the victim of a lynching mob

during the night.

A confession was said to have been obtained by the lynchers from the negroes that they robbed and killed A. M. Batchellor, a merchant. Sunday night. The mob, estimated at nearly one hundred, strung up the negroes near the scene of the robbery.

SUICIDE TO ESCAPE PAIN.

Police Say Toothache Victim Jumped From Sixth-Story Window. A toothache caused Jacob Marcus, seventeen y are old, to jump from a window on the sixth floor of No. 545 Lishwick to a Williamsburg, at 3 A. M. to-day locording to the police. He was instantly led.

His brother declared Jacob was looking out the window to see if the drug store up the street was open and fell, but the police reported it a sui-

STATEN ISLAND NOTES.

Ernest W. Zentgraf of Stapleton has been elected a trustee of the Staten Island Savings Bank to fill the va-cancy caused by the death of Otto P. Heyn.

Miss Abby Boody has returned to her home on Henderson Avenue, New Brighton, from a trip to Porto Rico. Mrs. Silas F. Cathings of Davis Avenue, Livingston, has returned from a trip to the South.

a trip to the South.

The marriage of Miss Hesel Dickson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Douglas Dickson, to Sydney Pascal Bainbridge of West New Brighton, will take place at the home of the bride's parents. Stapleton, Thursday at noon. The Rev. Edward A. Dodd of St. John's Church, Cufton, will of-

87,000 Woodhaven Gas Company..... 90,000 120,000 IN ITALY

Increase of Tax on Salt Expected to

ILL WITH PELLAGRA

Cause Greater Suffering Among the Poor.

ROME, Dec. 21 .- A sharp increase in the number of cases of pellagra among the poor of Italy is expected to follow the issuance of a royal decree. adding an additional tax of one cent. on a pound of salt.

There are about 120,000 cases of pellagra in Italy at present. Twenty per cent. of the cases brought under observation are fatal. Pellagra develops almost exclusively among the poorer classes, who exist almost entirely upon own meal in one form or another.

Investigation has convinced the Italian medical men that the use of salt in cooking of corn products prevents fermentation and checks the disease. The new tax will put salt out of the reach of many thousands of Italians.

Kroonland Safe at Rio Janeiro. RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 21.—The teamer Kroonland of the Panama-Pacific Line, which sailed from San Fran-cisco on Nov. 10 for London and touched at Coronel, has arrived here undamaged after having grounded.

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SHOWED HIM SHE WASN'T HIS "BEAUTIFUL DOLL"

House Man Who, She Says, Annoyed Her.

stenographer, on the platform of the she did what any other girl should bave done.

She said that he told her, "Oh, you deren in \$500 bail for examination

ehe didn't know him she first slapped his face, and then, aided by one of the passengers on the platform, dragged him downstairs and before the desk Heutenant in the Adams Street Police Station.

It was when Van Gelderen, who lives at No. 1263 Eighty-second Street, was arraigned before Magistrate Naumer, in the Adams Street Court, that he told about the nervous affection. He added that he was a married man, a neighbor of Magistrate Geisman's, and that he had spoken to the young woman.

woman.

"All I said was that it was a beautiful day," said Van Geideren. "And when she did not answer me I repeated it, because it is a beautiful

day Then she slapped me Ali I can say is that she has a wonderful imagination" Miss Rogge, who lives at No. 331 Seventy-fourth Street, Brooklyn, said

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Henrietta Rogge Drags to Station

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seautiful doll, I love you!" And as Friday.



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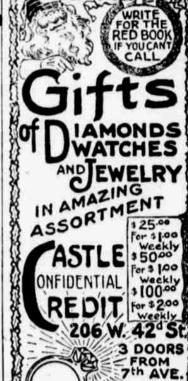
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